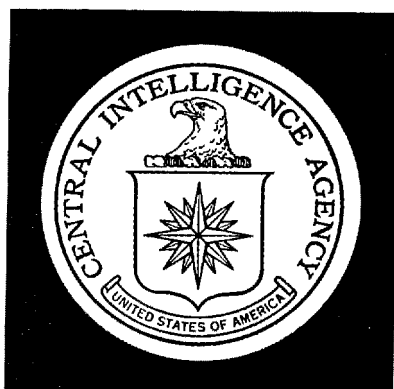


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Canada: Prime Minister Trudeau recently expressed great interest in the Sentinel ABM program and discussed possible Canadian participation in the system.

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The American Embassy in Ottawa believes that Trudeau quite possibly was using the Sentinel and its expense as a way of preparing the ground for Canada's taking a lesser role in NATO. The embassy considers it unlikely that Canada would seriously consider any significant outlay of funds for ABM participation.

Canada's position will not be firm, however, until its defense review is completed, probably several months from now.

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